UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re:

NATIONAL BROKERS OF AMERICA, INC.,

Debtor.

Chapter 7

Bankruptcy No. 19-15488

JOINT NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION

Robert H. Holber as Chapter 7 Trustee of National Brokers of America, Inc. (the "NBOA Trustee") and Jason Scott Jordan ("Jordan"), hereby seek to jointly remove the above-captioned action from the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County, Pennsylvania to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441 and 1452.

- 1. On August 8, 2014, a complaint was filed in the Court of Common Pleas, Berks County under docket number 14-17117 (the "State Court Case").
- 2. On or about September 3, 2019 (the "Petition Date"), NBOA filed a Voluntary Petition for relief under Chapter 7 of Title 11 in this Court.
 - 3. Thereafter, Robert H. Holber was appointed as the Chapter 7 Trustee of NBOA.
- 4. On December 10, 2019, this Court entered an Order extending the time for parties to remove actions through and including April 2, 2020.
 - 5. Now, the parties seek to remove the State Court Case.
- 6. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (the "District Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334, because this action arises in and relates to the NBOA's Chapter 7 bankruptcy case pending before this Court and, therefore, may be removed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452 and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9027.

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- 7. The State Court Case may be referred to this Court from the District Court pursuant to the Standing Order of Reference entered on July 25, 1984 by the District Court.
- 8. The cause of action to be removed is a core proceeding as defined in 28 U.S.C. § 152(b)(2) as it involves property of the estate pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 541(a), and it involves matters concerning the administration of the estate (§ 157(b)(2)(A)); allowance of disallowance of claims against the NBOA's estate (§ 157(b)(2)(B)); and other proceedings affecting the liquidation of the assets of the NBOA estate (§ 157(b)(2)(O)). The parties consent to the entry of final judgments or orders by this Court.
- 9. Accordingly, removal of the State Court Case is appropriate and should be referred to this Court.

Dated: January 30, 2020

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